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The Roswell Fair Opens To-morrow, Every Citizen Should Work For Its Success.

AT AN END.

The Methodist Conference Adjourns Last Night and the Appointments were Announced.

BISHOP KEY PREACHES.

The Conference Was the Best Attended and the Most Profitable Yet Held in New Mexico.

Yesterday was the final and red letter day in the sessions of the Methodist conference which has been in session in the city the past week. The church was crowded to overflowing at all the sessions held yesterday, and the greatest interest was manifested.

There was special music Sunday morning and the musical program was an excellent one, the solo by Miss Costa and the violin playing by the Norfolk sisters deserving special mention.

Bishop Key preached from Malachi 3:16. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another and the Lord hearkened and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name. And they shall be mine saith the Lord when I come to make up my jewels."

The Bishop said: These words were spoken when the people were in a back-slidden condition and desperately wicked. Licentiousness, profanity and a low state of morals had seared the conscience. Man cannot be indifferent to his surroundings. As the system is affected by the malaria in the atmosphere so the soul must suffer if surrounded by sin and wickedness. Lot made a bad choice when he went to the well watered plain and pitched his tent toward Sodom and he fell in wicked hands and wrecked himself and family. But there was a remnant that stood firm. How did they succeed? By fearing the Lord and understanding that the fear of God is indispensable to stability and success. Fearing God brought Joseph through a trying experience and the Hebrew children through a fiery furnace. Again they thought on His name. The wife that takes the husband's name will defend it at her own peril. Our name is a Christian name to which all should bow, and yet some seem ashamed to acknowledge the name. Again they spake often to one another. Out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh. They also helped one another. Should a company start to the far west, to an El Dorado where they would expect flowing streams, beautiful streams and singing birds were to encamp by the way those seeking the El Dorado would urge the others on. How necessary it is that the pilgrims to the Eternal City should help each other on the way. The Lord hearkened unto them. The consciousness of God's presence is the most inspiring force. If Jesus should appear in this congregation what awe there would be. What a chance in the home. Every word spoken is spoken to the Lord, and every thought known to Him. God is not a task-master. He is more concerned about what we are than what we do. He wants to build within us a life unto Himself, and will be as well pleased with one as with another, if we do our best. These shall be His when He comes to make up His jewels. God places everything good to our credit and it will stand there to our credit until the day of final accounts when we hope to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter in."

The sermon was a masterful one and made a deep impression on the

audience. At the close of the sermon Rev. W. S. Huggett was ordained as elder.

At 3:30 in the afternoon Rev. J. C. Gage led the meeting in an old time love feast. Many pathetic talks were made and there was a season of hand shaking and rejoicing.

At 6:45 the Epworth League convened and enjoyed an excellent address by Mr. Reedy, his subject being "Abundant Life."

At the evening services Dr. Lambuth delivered a strong forceful sermon, after which were the concluding exercises of the conference.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolutions.

Resolved: That this conference express its thanks for the hospitable manner in which it has been entertained, for the kindness shown us by the good citizens of the town, and to THE ROSWELL DAILY RECORD for the space given us and the kind things said in our behalf, and we pray the great Head of the Church to make this conference the occasion of a benediction to every heart and every home.

S. E. WILSON,
D. L. COLLIE,
J. C. GAGE,

Committee.

The following appointments were announced:

Albuquerque District.
Robert Hodgson,—Presiding Elder.
Albuquerque—To be supplied.
Magdalena—Rev. Geo. Ward.
Gallup—Rev. Robert Hodgson.
Watrous—Rev. Edw. Lebritton.

MURDERED.

Toney Staffinger Shot Down In Cold Blood by Kinch Mullins.

REFUSED HIM A DRINK.

The Murderer Intended to Kill L. D. Danenberg of the Grand Central, Also.

Toney Staffinger, night bartender at the Grand Central saloon, was shot and instantly killed Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock in the saloon by Kinch Mullins, a professional gambler.

The murder was a premeditated, cold blooded one and the entire city is shocked over the dastardly deed. The facts are given herewith.

Mullins is a notorious gambler and has been here for some months in a crazed, drunken condition, living on the charity of the rounders and getting his

for blood, Staffinger had his foot on the working board near the cigar case and was talking to F. M. Brooks, the bar tender at the Buffett and both had their faces turned to the west and Mullins in a cowardly manner slipped in between Brooks and the screen and fired without warning. The first shot took effect on the left side and plowed through the body and came out on the left side. He then fell and the murderer shot him again, in the back, the shot coming out on the left leg. The victim crawled to the cigar case and turned and crawled west to the ice box and fell on his face dead.

Brooks was dumfounded, but had presence of mind to grab the murderer and Joe Bounds took the gun from him. The saloon was crowded at the time and all of the games were running and men grabbed their money and chips and made a dash for the doors and in a minute there was not over a half dozen men in the saloon and Brooks turned Mullins loose and he walked quietly over to the Legal Tender and was taking a drink when Chas. Ruark grabbed him. He told Ruark not to handle him so rough. He was allowed to take the drink and Sam Van Winkle and Tom Heffner took him to jail.

A doctor, Sheriff Higgins and Clarence Ullery were telephoned for, but he was killed instantly and the remains were taken in charge by Mr. Ullery and removed to his mortuary.

Sheriff Higgins asked Mullins why he committed the crime. Mullins answered, that would come out in court, but said he was a dead rabbit. On Sunday morning he told Deputy Hall he had killed one of his best friends and would not have committed the crime for worlds.

The coroner's jury viewed the remains yesterday and will render a verdict to-day.

The remains of the unfortunate victim were taken on the morning train to Denison, Tex., his old home, accompanied by C. C. Wyatt, who will break the sad news to his widowed mother and sister.

Rev. C. C. Young volunteered his services and made a short talk and offered a touching prayer at the mortuary before the remains were conveyed to the depot and there were few dry eyes in the crowd.

Ike Johnson, J. B. Head, F. M. Brooks, Charley Murphey, Robt. Maddox and Frank Twombly were the pall bearers and carried the remains to the depot on their shoulders, followed by thirty honorary pall bearers. There were numerous beautiful wreaths of flowers furnished by the union of which he was a member, also by Mesdames Stockard, Danenberg and Church.

Mr. Staffinger was a sober, quiet orderly law-abiding young man and was esteemed by all who knew him. He was the only support of a widowed mother, a sister and a brother who is in poor health, and each month he sent home the principal part of his earnings. His untimely and cruel death is lamented here by all.

Mullins at one time was a nice young man and supported his mother, but drink and gambling caused his downfall. Sheriff Higgins says he has been confined in nearly every jail in Texas, having figured in shooting in several scrapes before. It is said (Continued on Last Page.)

"Say John" That's a swell looking suit you have on, mind telling me where you got it?" "I got it at E. H. WILLIAMS & CO.'S" "I'd like to have one about like it, mind telling me what it cost?" "Of course not, \$15.00." "GREAT SCOTT! I would have guessed \$25.00. Are there any left?" "Yes, but you will have to hurry."

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Marfa and Ft. Davis—Rev. W. S. Huggett.

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Portales—Rev. J. H. Messer.
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Penasco—Rev. P. F. Scroggins.
White Oaks—Rev. F. A. Bond.
Alamogordo—To be supplied.
Deming—Rev. Arthur Marston.
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Tucumcari—Rev. E. T. James.

Transfers.
Geo. F. Campbell, to Northwest Texas Conference.
Geo. G. Hamilton, to Indian Mission Conference.

Mark Hodgson, to Pacific Conference.

J. L. Sells, to Missionary Conference.

J. M. Ray, to Indian Mission Conference.

W. T. Burke, to West Texas Conference.

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drinks furnished free by the bartenders. It seems that Staffinger had given him hundreds of drinks without pay and this encouraged him to bring in his friends to drink with him.

Sunday morning about 1 o'clock he walked up to the Grand Central bar with a friend and ordered the drinks and Staffinger said, "Now, Mullins I have given you drinks free, but I insist that you must not ring in your friends on me as I am working for the interest of Stockard & Danenberg and cannot give their goods away."

This embarrassed the man who was with Mullins and he paid for the drinks. Mullins said with an oath, "you have balled me out," and immediately went across the street to the Legal Tender saloon and awaiting his opportunity slipped an ivory handled 45 six shooter out of his pocket. It took him about thirty minutes to secure the gun and he returned to the Grand Central and walked up to the bar and cursed Staffinger, firing two shots in quick succession, both shots taking effect and killing him instantly.

When Mullins came in thirsty

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